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TYPE OF CASE	STATUS	TITLE OR CAPTION
Protective Research	Continued	Assassination of President Kennedy; Dallas, Texas

INVESTIGATION MADE AT	PERIOD COVERED
Dallas, Texas	November 30 - December 4, 1963

INVESTIGATION MADE BY
SA John J. Giuffre and SA W. H. Patterson

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

Newspaper article in Dallas Times Herald stated Lee Harvey Oswald had received communications from Western Union. Arrangements made for Western Union to attempt to identify these communications. Information on these communications, if any, will be given jointly to FBI and this Service.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to previous reports.

Western Union Communications

In response to an article appearing in the Dallas Times Herald on November 30, 1963, regarding Western Union Communications to Lee Harvey Oswald, efforts were made to determine the source of this story and to obtain all possible communications relating to Lee Harvey Oswald from Western Union.

On November 30, 1963, I contacted Mr. George Warren, Western Union Weekend Supervisor, who advised he had no information regarding any communications or money orders received by Oswald and had no idea where any information came from that was in the newspaper article.

Later that day SA W. H. Patterson and I interviewed Robert Fenley, reporter for the Dallas Times Herald, at his home at 5701 Glenridge Drive, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Fenley stated that on November 28, 1963, while working on a story for Time Magazine at Western Union, he was engaged in conversation with C. A. Hamblen, the night manager. Mr. Hamblen

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mentioned Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Fenley seized upon this opportunity to question Mr. Hamblen regarding any information he might be able to furnish on Oswald. Hamblen advised Mr. Fenley that Oswald had received small amounts of money for several months prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Hamblen recalled Oswald sending a telegram a few days before the assassination and even demonstrated to Mr. Fenley the peculiar way Oswald wrote the [illegible] Mr. Hamblen added that Oswald would invariably argue or cause commotion over the most insignificant things and Hamblen took it upon himself to personally wait on Oswald whenever he came in. Hamblen recalled that Oswald received several money orders for $10 and one for possibly $20.00.

On December 1, 1963, after the interview with Mr. Fenley the previous night, I again contacted Western Union, and was advised that all the records were locked up and could not be reviewed until 8:00 AM on December 2, 1963, and with the authority of the District Manager Larry Wilcox. Arrangements were made to interview Mr. Wilcox at 8:00 AM on December 2, 1963, and possibly to review the files at that time.

Later that day Inspector Kelley was contacted by Western Union who advised that they had similar inquiries from the FBI. Western Union requested, therefore, that the Secret Service Agent contact SA Charlie Brown, FBI, and make arrangements to jointly conduct this phase of the investigation at 8:00 AM on December 3, 1963. At Inspector Kelley's request, I contacted the FBI and requested SA Brown call me. SA Brown returned my call at 5:30 PM on December 2, 1963, and arrangements were made to go to Western Union together as soon as he was free from his early morning conference.

On December 3, 1963, at approximately 8:00 AM, I contacted Mr. Larry Wilcox, District Manager of Western Union, Dallas, Texas, to advise him that SA Brown, FBI, was in conference and would not be able to make the 8:00 AM appointment. Mr. Wilcox advised me that he would give absolutely no information to any investigative agency without benefit of a court order specifying a particular communication on a specific date.

This matter was then discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney E. W. Timming, Jr. who advised he would issue a blanket subpoena, if necessary.

Subsequently the FBI contacted Inspector Kelley and advised that they could possibly obtain the information through a confidential source [illegible] to have a subpoena issued. It was agreed that we would request a subpoena pending notification from the FBI. 1/

On December 4, 1963, a meeting was held at the Western Union Office to discuss the possibility of obtaining all information in their files

regarding Lee Harvey Oswald. Present at this meeting were District Manager L. H. Wilcox, District Administrative Manager T. C. Durnal, and Bookkeeping Business Manager L. T. Pirtle, SA Brown, FBI, and myself. At this meeting it was determined that Western Union would check all their communications sent collect and paid, money orders received and paid for the period September 1, 1963, to November 22, 1963. Mr. Wilcox advised that when this was completed and if any information were developed he would turn it over to their Gulf Coast Manager Mr. Semingson who in turn would contact the FBI and Secret Service so that the proper legal steps could be taken to obtain these communications.

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Lawrence R. Wilcox of Dallas, Tex
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November 30, 1963

FUNDS WIRED TO OSWALD

Western Union Recalls Sending Message Prior to Assassination

Lee Harvey Oswald received small amounts of money via Western Union for several months prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, The Times Herald learned Saturday.

He sent a telegram himself—printed in a curious, crowded script—only a few days before the tragic afternoon.

Oswald was remembered at Western Union because he invariably argued with those persons who assisted him.

The sender of the sums of money—ranging up to $10 or possibly $20 at a time—was not known. Neither was the recipient of Oswald's message. Presumably, the FBI is investigating all messages involving both Oswald and his slayer, Jack Ruby, prior to the tragic weekend.

MESSAGES RECALLED

Oswald's messages at Western Union were recalled after he was shown on television.

This latest aspect of the case was revealed to The Times Herald at a time when hordes of federal agents were searching out all available clues and President Lyndon B. Johnson was appointing a potent presidential commission to investigate both the assassination and the slaying of the assassin.

The FBI already had been instructed to collect all available evidence and report it. In Washington, the Justice Department said Saturday it could not say anything at this time.

PROBE CONTINUING

"The investigation is continuing and all questions will be answered in the final report, but they will not be answered piecemeal.

"The report specifically will say what the FBI knew about Oswald,

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